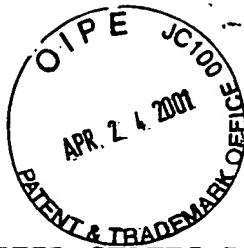


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
RYUZO KOANA) : Examiner: K. Poon
Application No.: 09/088,737) : Group Art Unit: 2624
Filed: June 2, 1998) :
For: DATA PROCESSING) :
APPARATUS AND METHOD) :
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2000 for three months from January 24, 2001 to April 24, 2001.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$890.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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